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SUBJECT: GATT AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 15-16:  
EC COMMISSION DELEGATE'S REPORT

1. WE HAVE OBTAINED ON A STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, A COPY  
OF EC COMMISSION DELEGATE LUYTEN'S TELEXED REPORT TO THE EC COMMISSIO  
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OF THE GATT AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 15-16. OUR FREE  
TRANSLATION OF THE TELEX FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT

2. AFTER TWO DAYS OF INTENSIVE WORK, PARTICULARLY IN UNOFFICIAL  
MULTILATERAL MEETINGS IN WHICH THE U.S. AND THE COMMUNITY WERE  
THE MAIN PARTICIPANTS, THE AGRICULTURE GROUP TODAY STATED IT HAD  
NOT SUCCEEDED IN REACHING AN ACCORD ON:

A. THE COMPETENCE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE THREE COMMODITY SUB-  
GROUPS (GRAINS, MEAT, DAIRY PRODUCTS)

B. THE COMPETENCE OF THE AGRICULTURAL GROUP ON TARIFF AND  
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NON-TARIFF MATTERS, AND, CONSEQUENTLY,

-- ON THE ONE HAND, THE CREATION OF TWO SUB-GROUPS (SUB-GROUP FOR TARIFF MEASURES - SUB-GROUP FOR NON-TARIFF MEASURES) -- ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RELATIONSHIP TO BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE'S WORK (OR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TWO SUB-GROUPS) AND THE WORK OF THE "TARIFF" GROUP AND THE "NON-TARIFF" GROUP ESTABLISHED BY THE T.N.C.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE COMPETENCE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE THREE COMMODITY SUB-GROUPS, THE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE U.S. COULD NOT BE OVERCOME, THE LATTER REFUSING TO CONSIDER THEM AS NEGOTIATING GROUPS.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE RELATIONSHIP TO BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE AGRICULTURAL GROUP FRAMEWORK, AND THE RELATIONSHIP TO BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE "TARIFFS" AND "NON-TARIFF MEASURES" GROUP, THE U.S. NOT ONLY INSISTED ON SUBORDINATING THE FORMER TO THE LATTER, BUT DID NOT EVEN AGREE THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE INITIATED WITHIN THE AGRICULTURE FRAMEWORK.

5. TO THE U.S., THE AGRICULTURAL FORUM IS A FOCAL POINT FOR REVIEWING THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL ISSUES HANDLED ELSEWHERE.

6. AFTER A GENERAL DEBATE IN THE AGRICULTURE GROUP ON THE MEANS FOR OVERCOMING THE DEADLOCK, THE MAJORITY OPTED IN FAVOR OF A NEW MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURAL GROUP ON MAY 7. THE POSSIBILITY OF AN APPEAL TO THE COMMITTEE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, ADVOCATED BY SOME (PARTICULARLY ARGENTINA), WAS RULED OUT. END TEXT. MYERSON

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